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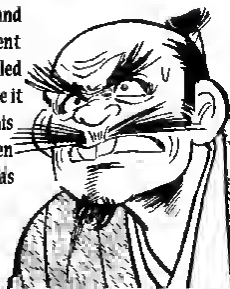
The Story So Far

After the Incident of Honno Temple, Nobunaga survived and left Japan for the continent. Meanwhile, Ranmaru was sent by a storm during their passage into a different Japan ruled by Hideyoshi. But thanks to Nobunaga's guidance, he made it back to the continent. Nobunaga finally began putting his plan of conquering the world into action. But the Jurchen Nurhaci stood in his way. Meanwhile, in Japan, Nobunaga's son Mubomaru set out to sea to find his father!!



Chapter 45
A Longing for Mother

Eiroku year 11
Moriyama Castle,
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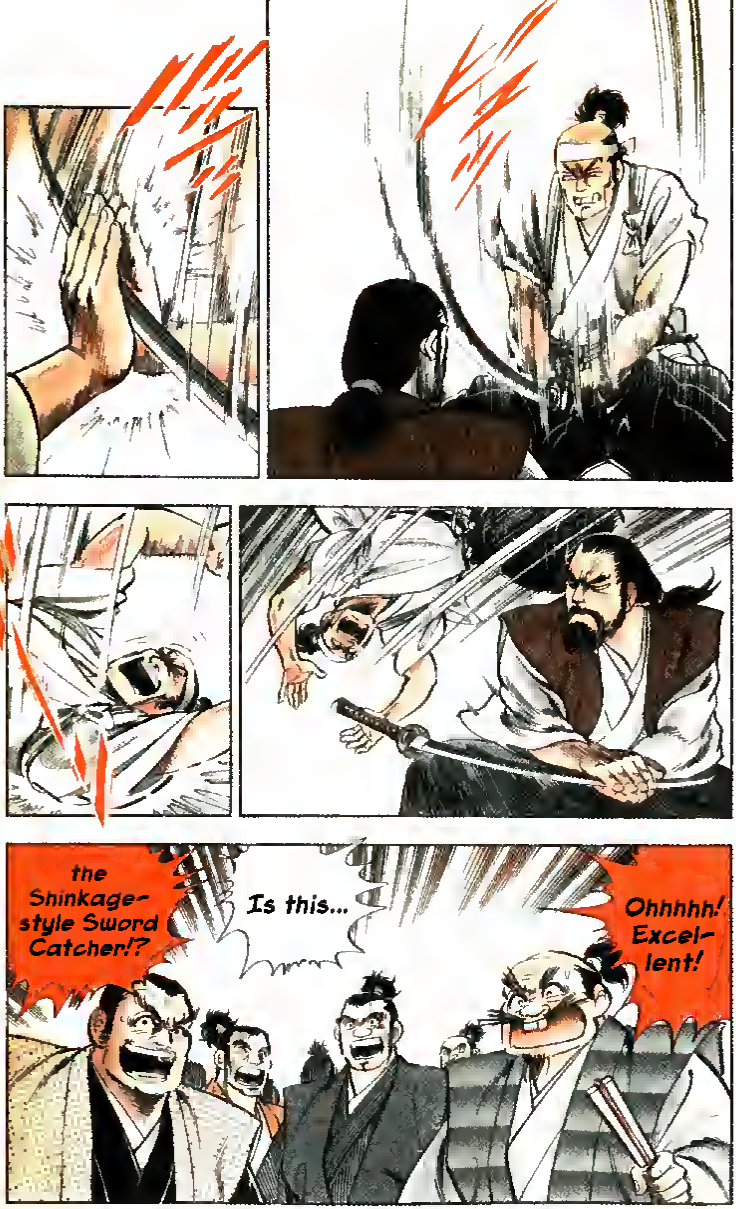
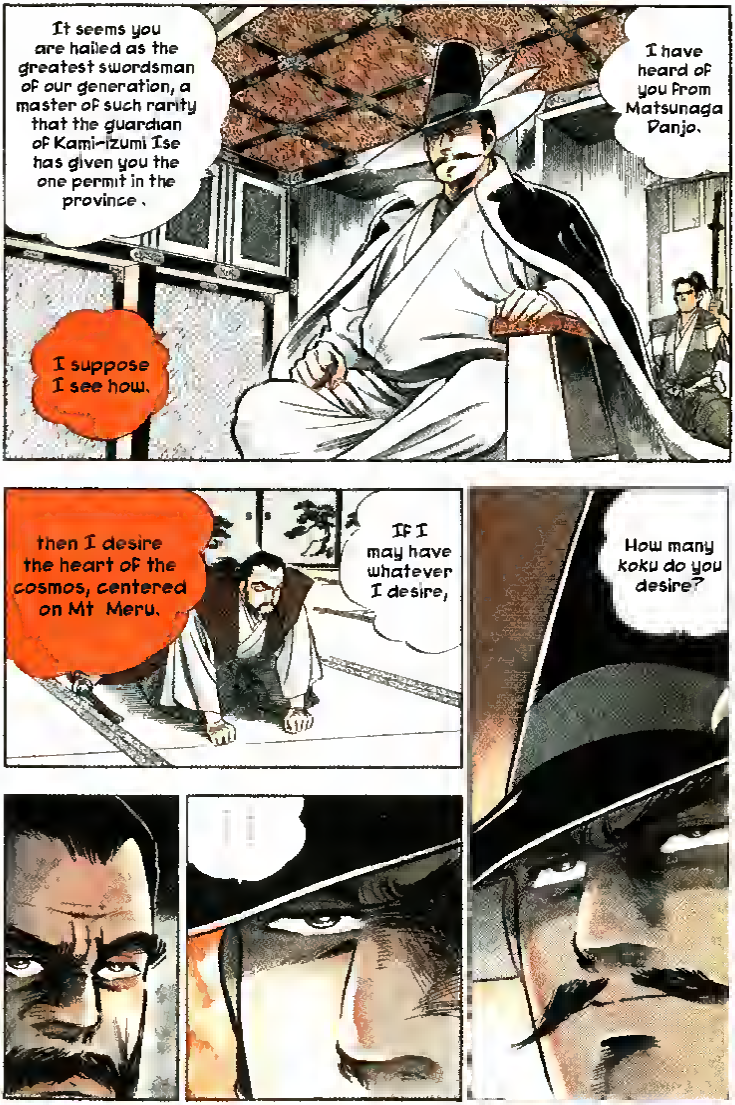

the Shinkage-style Sword Catcher!?
Is this...
Ohhhhh! Excel-lent!

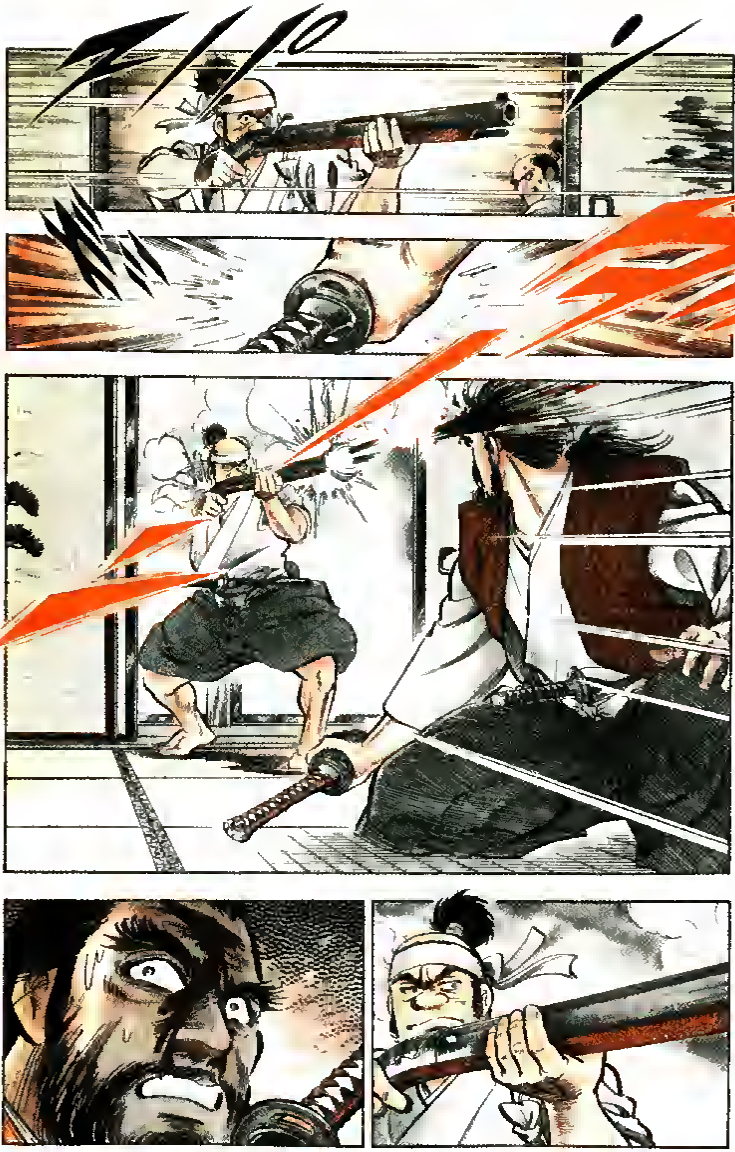

It seems you are hailed as the greatest swordsman of our generation, a master of such rarity that the guardian of Kami-izumi Ise has given you the one permit in the province.
I have heard of you from Matsunaga Panjo.
I suppose I see how.
then I desire the heart of the cosmos, centered on Mt Meru.
If I may have whatever I desire,
How many koku do you desire?

I will ask for no more than the Yagyu's old territory
I have no interest in such worldly possessions
If it pleases you...
How will 200,000 koku do?
Animosity is a shadow cast over places where concerns of interest arise...
All humans were originally born innocent.
Yes, my lord.
Tell me what this Shinkage-style is.

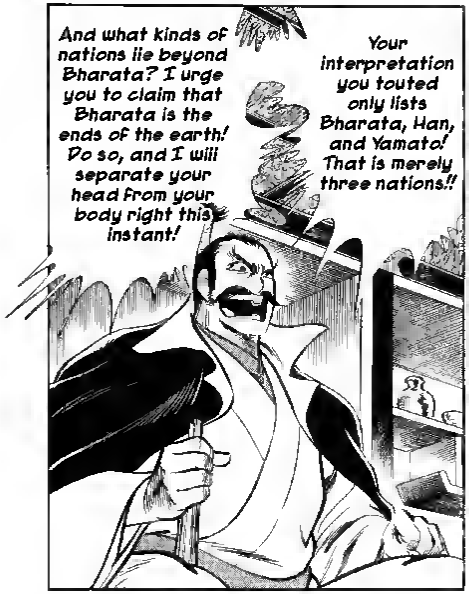
And what is this sword-catcher you have come up with?
is what the Shinkage-style seeks.
To banish these shadows and return to innocence

The means of disciplining violence, reporting malice, and defending oneself are no more than auxiliary to tactics.
Tactics as a discipline arose in the three nations of Bharata (India), Han (China), and Yamato (Japan).

This, in other words...
ignorance, the enemy of all people.
which is to defeat...
Thus, I have traced back the origins of all tactics...

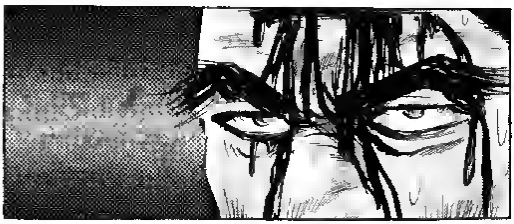


It may be able to catch a sword, but it cannot catch a bullet, can it...?
Your sword-catcher truly is the apex of flailing sticks around.
Well, answer me.
What good will that do me?
You can catch a sword, but not a bullet.. Hmpf. How trivial.
No, it cannot.
self-defense is merely auxiliary to tactics. Tactics is...
If I may have a word, as I have stated earlier,


And what kinds of nations lie beyond Bharata? I urge you to claim that Bharata is the ends of the earth! Do so, and I will separate your head from your body right this instant!
Your interpretation you touted only lists Bharata, Han, and Yamato! That is merely three nations!!

Know your place, Yagyu !!

Yamato, Han, and Bharata, my ass. You are so repulsive, I could retch!
Your self-important perspective is limited in its worldview.



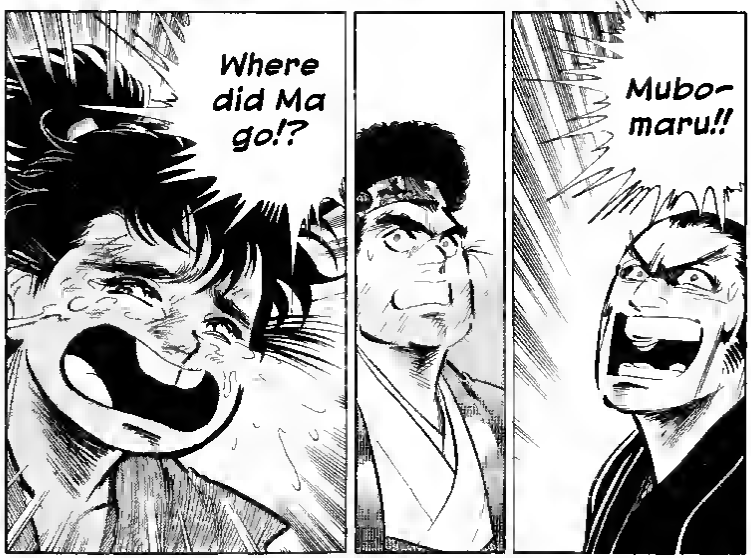
I dare not even sever your filthy, impudent head! Get out of my sight!
Begone!
Father
my blood boils throughout my body...
Whenever I remember what happened back then,
My blood is boiling.
You seem ill. Are you not in good health?

Mother !!
She's been strung up for the crows.
It wasn't Ieyasu's forces that did this. It was the Iga.
This is a sentence reserved for lawbreakers.

The village of the Iga was destroyed on your account, after all.
This means that the survivors had found your mother and sentenced her as they left the village.
All gone ...
The Iga's way of life, and any shred of proof they existed...
It's all gone...
Goemon, I see that you could never really abandon Iga in your heart..
What!?
Good and evil has no meaning to the Iga! All that matters is that the Iga survive!!
Why the hell did you raise Nobunaga's child!?

I refuse to aid you any longer!
Quit saying such pointless things .. I quit.
But your heart has always been here...
You absconded from Iga out of distaste for our laws and a desire for freedom...
I only wanted to make this village richer... I'm sorry...
W... Who's there !?
I hate Ieyasu...
but I despised Nobunaga even more...

Uncle!


Where did Ma go!?
Mubo-maru!!

What happened?
And Grandma's dead on a tree!
Uncle! Our house is burned down!
You're alive...
Uncle!!
Where's Ma?
I miss Ma!
Where's Ma!?

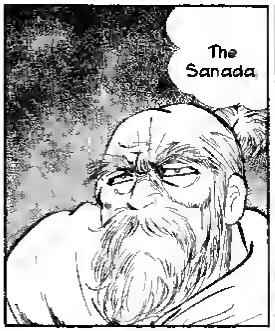
How dare you look at my face, idiot!
Who the hell are you!?
To think he was a ninja...
N...No way!
Wait for me, Lord Mubo-maru!!

Your face and mine have us destined for the crucifix or the pot of oil, but this kid ..
As you know, I practice physiognomy
Hanzo,
now I know why you were carried off...
I can't read him at all
But I just can't get enough of it
His face... makes me feel excited just looking at it.
It makes me want to buy him some candy or something.

This Mubomaru child
It's the time...
The Lord has sent me to bring you to the continent.
My name is Sudo Gorozaemon.
and who will make it brighter, broader, and more intense...
is the child that connects us to Lord Oda Nobunaga's time,

The Sanada...

will require a guardian.
But I believe it is more necessary than ever that Mubomaru

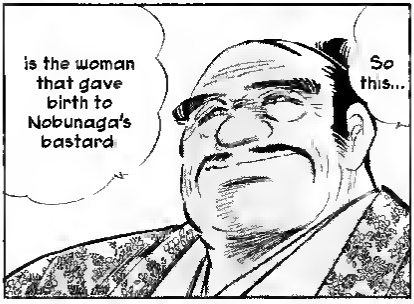

The Sanada

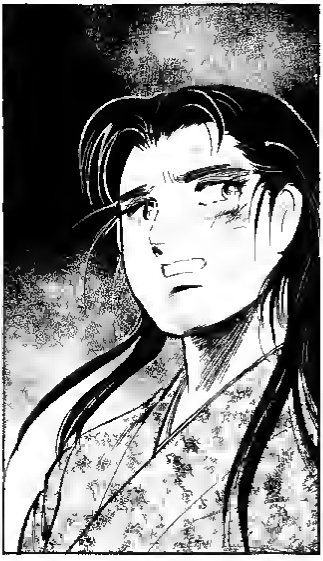
Now that the village of Iga has been massacred, only the Sanada of Ueda, Shinano, who command the ninjas of Koga, can protect this child from the Yagyu ninjas
Goemon.

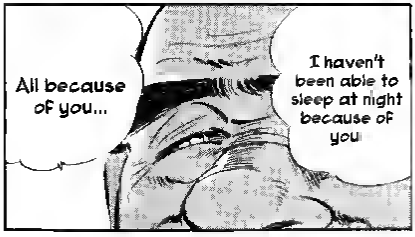
Tsukina's alive. I promise you...
Don't panic, Mubomaru

More importantly, where's Ma?

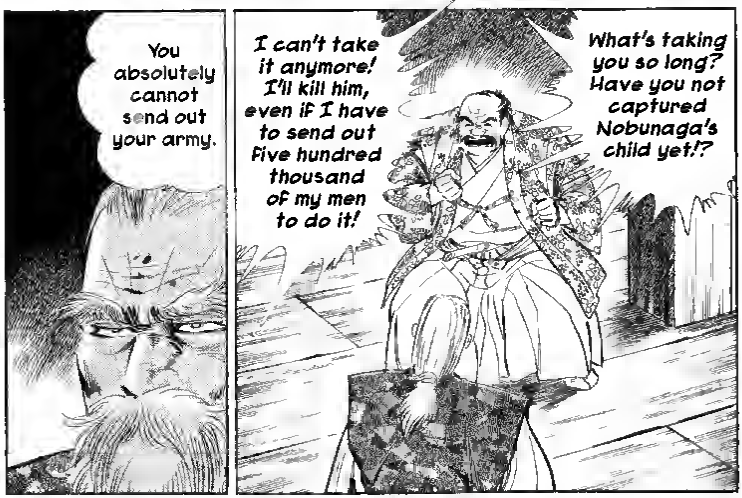
Edo Castle

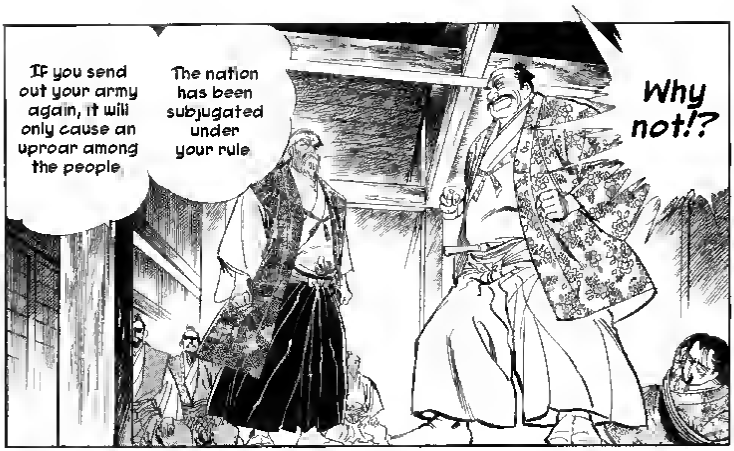

So this...
is the woman that gave birth to Nobunaga's bastard

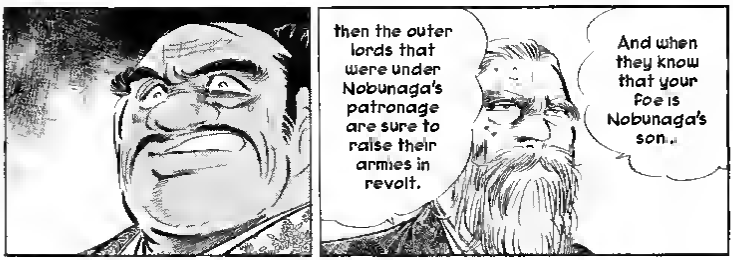



I haven't been able to sleep at night because of you!
All because of you...

She is the only bait we have.
You mustn't lose your tempen
NUUU AAAAA UUUUUU GGGHH!
How could you have done this!?
Seki-shusai!


You absolutely cannot send out your army.
I can't take it anymore! I'll kill him, even if I have to send out five hundred thousand of my men to do it!
What's taking you so long? Have you not captured Nobunaga's child yet!?


If you send out your army again, it will only cause an uproar among the people.
The nation has been subjugated under your rule.
Why not!?

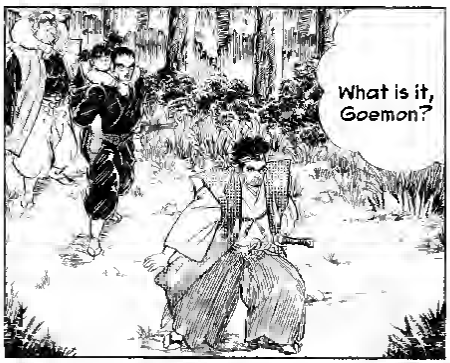

then the outer lords that were under Nobunaga's patronage are sure to raise their armies in revolt.
And when they know that your foe is Nobunaga's son...

My Yagyu ninjas are already gradually closing in on Mubomaru. We shall have him shortly.
He must be buried in the darkness.

There are two sides...
As long as we have his mother, he is sure to come here.
And we need not even chase him meaninglessly.
I will now use the yin... to crush that which is most precious to you...
Nobunaga, that which you argued against twenty years ago was merely the yang of the Yagyu.
is truly that of yin and yang
to everything in this world The essence of the Yagyu Shinkage-style

Shinano

This mist...


What is it, Goemon?

Hehhe ...
You'll die if you enter it.
So this is the Mist-Concealment Technique
That's right...

Goemon of Ishikawa.
You must defeat my technique if you wish to pass, whoever you may be,
KIRIGAKURE SAIZO OF SANADA'S TEN BRAVES

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